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MARRIAGE.

SANDRACH-ODNEY.—On February 28, at H.B.M. Consulate-General, and afterwards at the Union Church, Shanghai, by the Rev. C. L. Darwent, a new-born daughter, eldest son of the late Andrew Sandbach of Ipswich, to JANE GORDON, second daughter of Captain Oudney, of Fairfield, Carmarthen.

DEATHS.

ENTREANJA ROZA DE SENSA—o filhas com summa, magna participam a seus parentes, amigos e mais pessoas de sãra relação que Deus N. S. se dignou levar para sua Santa Glória, seu querido Espo- e Pai JOAQUIM FRANCISCO DE SENSA, hontem as 10 horas d'amanha.

CHATHAM.—On February 28, at Shang- hai, Esther Chatham, widow of the late JOHN CHATHAM, aged 45 years.

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.

Noon.—Meeting of The China Fire In- surance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Mongolia undelivered after noon this date subject to rent.

Goods per Catherine Apsar undelivered after 4 p.m. this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 6:—

2 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture and Canton Blackwood Ware, &c., at Mr. Geo. P. Laumert's Sales Rooms.

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SATURDAY, March 7:—

Noon.—Meeting of The Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.

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MONDAY, March 9:—

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TUESDAY, March 10:—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Offices.

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Communications relating to news should be addressed to THE EDITOR.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1908.

HONGKONG A PERMANENCY.

UNTIL quite recently the bulk of those resident in Hongkong regarded the place somewhat in the light of a rest-house where they might remain until such time as Fate enabled them to return Home. But a change of spirit is becoming noticeable. The commencement of the railway and the development of many industrial enterprises locally has borne in upon people the fact that Hongkong is not a mere military outpost, but a Colony which affords its opportunities to the Colonist who intends to remain a Colonist. But if Hongkong is to attract people to remain as permanent residents it must offer them advantages similar to those which they would enjoy elsewhere. One of the more important of these is the opportunity of a sound education for the Colonist's children. We believe that in this respect there is nothing to be desired, insofar as a good elementary education is concerned. But the higher education required to fit youths to enter the professions is not obtainable here and young men who wish to take degrees have to proceed

to the old country. This brings us back once more to the University question. We have time after time pointed out the advantages that would follow the establishment of a University from an Imperial and commercial point of view. Now it is worth while to give to it a little consideration from the standpoint of the local resident who has sons who aspire to go in for one or other of the professions. With a local University such youths could get their entire education in the Colony, thus saving the very considerable expense of sending them to Europe. The primary purpose of a University would be to attract the Chinese students from China proper but it would also fill a want that is beginning to be felt by European residents of Hongkong. There seems to be no good reason why the professional gentlemen required in the Colony grow in size and importance should not be trained locally. We are told for instance that the Bar is, numerically, insufficient for the Colony's requirements and that delays frequently result as a consequence. If barristers could qualify locally this serious inconvenience would be removed. Obviously, also, there would be signal advantages attaching to local training. Although the laws under which we live are based upon those of England many of them have been altered to meet local conditions and with a thoroughly qualified professor, preferably a barrister who had been for many years pleading locally, students would learn everything that would be of real use to them without being compelled to learn much that would be of no earthly avail to them when carrying on their profession in Hongkong. It is always difficult for people to accustom themselves to viewing things from a different standpoint. But nonetheless the Government of Hongkong should recognise that much water has flowed under the bridge since an Administrator of this Colony recommended that it should be handed back to the Chinese, on the ground that it was not, and never would be, of value or importance. That hasty judgment has been falsified by the event, and the idea of a rendition of Hongkong never crosses the minds of British statesmen to-day. But we wish to see the belief in the permanency of Hongkong crystallised into institutions which will make it worthy of the position we feel it is destined to hold in the Far East. And of those institutions we place the University far in the forefront.

CHINA AND THE SOIL.

OF all changes that mark the new time in China the most significant are those that point to a new attitude in relation to things Western. The most dangerously suicidal idea ever held by a great nation was the life thought of most Chinese a quarter of a century ago, that China had within herself all wisdom, and all the gifts of heaven that were worth possessing. The ancient prejudices against things foreign endured, and those prejudices were maintained and fostered by the leaders of the people who have the best claim to be considered enlightened. So striking and so startling is the new attitude that its true significance is sometimes in danger of being overlooked and underestimated. We observe from a native newspaper report that the Emperor of China has issued an Edict dealing with the cultivation of cotton. The object of the Imperial intervention is to encourage in China cotton-growing on the scale and after the methods that obtain in America. It is stated, as the result of enquiry, that whilst the art of production is thoroughly understood in the States, and all possible advantage is taken of favourable conditions to promote and perfect an industry of the first importance, as a source of national wealth, China has failed to make the best use of her soil and climate in cotton-growing. Practical details are dealt with in the document under notice. The introduction of encouraging and promoting enterprise by the offer of rewards for success in producing and in working up the produce, have place in the Emperor's

counsels. This edict, like so many other endeavours to get all the things from all sources, is a clear sign of an awakening. The beginning of improvement is dissatisfaction with things as they are, and the knowledge that they may be made better. On the lines of improved agriculture China has much to hope from the introduction of ideas from many lands. Having within her borders well nigh every variety of condition, Agricultural Commissions should be able, during the next few years, to teach her much by comprehensive and well directed enquiry into sources, conditions, and means of production.

PERJURED SIKHS.

THERE have been two cases lately in which Indian constables have been fined for presenting false charges and backing them up by perjury. We are not aware what steps are taken by the authorities in connection with these men who are found guilty of such heinous breach of trust. It is a sound rule that when a man has expiated his offence he should not be further punished. But a fine of \$25 is clearly an insufficient punishment for the offence of bearing false testimony on the part of a constable. Dismissal from the force should certainly follow conviction. We can hardly suppose that the men who have lately been fined for perjury have been permitted to remain in the police force but we think that, in order that there should be no doubt left in the public mind, the magistrate when convicting the offender should recommend his dismissal. Unless this is done it will be thought by many that the authorities consider that a fine is sufficient punishment for a police perjurer and if this impression is allowed to prevail it will destroy that confidence in the trustworthiness of our constables which ought to exist.

A native newspaper utters its voice against the cruelties practised in Chinese prisons in a style and manner that remind us of a famous pamphlet translated and published by the late Dr. Kerr of Canton. We are told concerning a particular prison of unenviable notoriety that those who pass in to be immured, no matter what their crime, or freedom from crime, never emerge. Innocent and guilty alike are said to be done to death within its walls and they who enter may well abandon all hope. With the largest allowance for exaggeration it is clear that Chinese prisons in many places are still "hells" of cruelty and barbarism, and the processes that precede reform are of the character represented in the newspaper articles.

We observe with due seriousness a proposal for railways in Kwangsi centring in Kweilin, the Capital, and are disappointed to find that an extension of licensed gambling is looked upon as the readiest means of raising funds for railway construction. The idea seems peculiarly obnoxious and indeed essentially vicious. Lending and enlightened nations may continue to prosper for a while after gambling has become a widespread habit affecting all sorts and conditions of men in its communities. It is nevertheless true that no nation's prosperity can be built up on foundations of licensed gambling, and the change from the Agricultural to the industrial stage of civilisation in China cannot be brought about by raising large revenue from the vices of the people. The trait of character here in evidence is one for which the Chinese have received too little credit. In their singular proclivity to borrow, adapt, and engraft, they are always looking for occasion to fit into their own scheme of things whatever seems to promise advantage in the new civilisation. We cannot wonder that they concern themselves less than wisdom would dictate with sources and origins with the laws of evolution and development in commercial and industrial life, and with the commercial and industrial morality that has been the real guarantee and assurance of successful issues in the commercial and industrial world.

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Royal Arthur Arrives.

The first class protected cruiser *Royal Arthur* (ex *Centaur*), Captain R. E. R. Benson, arrived in harbour last night from Portsmouth, bringing relief for the river boats and a new crew for the sloop *Algerine*, which will be re-commissioned to-morrow morning. After transferring the crew for the *Algerine* the *Royal Arthur* will proceed to Wossung and exchange crews for the Yungtse river boats, after which she will return to Portsmouth via Hongkong and the usual ports of call.

The *Royal Arthur* is of the same class as the *Crescent*, *St. George* and *Gibraltar*. She was laid down in August, 1899, and was launched at Portsmouth in February, 1902. The *Royal Arthur* is built of steel, sheathed and coppered; has two masts, two funnels and two pole masts. Her length is 360 feet, beam 60 feet 8 inches, and mean draught 23 feet 9 inches. Her displacement is 7700 tons and her indicated horse power for 18 knots is 10,000 and for 16.5 knots, 12,000. In addition to one 9.2 inch breech-loading gun the *Royal Arthur* has 12 six-inch quick-firing guns (12 six-pounders, two 12-pounders, five 10-pounders quick-firing and two 4.5 in. Maxim). Admiral Sir Arthur Moore returned to-day in the *Algerine* from Bremen, having visited a number of the ports.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

The Private Steamer *Mineola*.

Last evening at 6 p.m. the British steamer *Mineola* (Captain Scott) from New York and Singapore, arrived in the harbour, and dropped anchor off East Point. The steamer is a large vessel and has been fitted up for a pleasure cruise. She flies the New York Yacht Club burgee and is carrying round the world a party comprising Colonel and Miss Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Barker Johnson, Miss Benson, Miss Vail and Mr. Kruger. We understand that Miss Benson is a daughter of Lord Charles Bessborough. The party go on to Manila from here.

DEATH OF A SERVANT GIRL.

Suspected Murder.

Lam Kwai Ho, eight years old, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital on Feb. 28th and died on Feb. 29th. Ng Tai was called at an inquest to-day and said that the deceased his servant girl, was playing "artificial lion" with his children when she fell down the stairs. She was hurt during the fall and afterwards the wounds became serious. She was removed to the Hospital. Dr. Koch, not think the bruises on the body were due to a fall. It transpired in evidence that deceased was bought by Ng Tai's wife for \$123, three months ago. The jury returned an open verdict.

MURDER NEAR TAIPO.

On Monday morning the body of a Chinaman was found on the Taiipo Road, near the sixth milestone. Death was due to a deep cut on the throat, and the police believe murder has been committed.

Quite recently a coolie was attacked on the Taiipo Road by robbers, who slashed his throat, and afterwards robbed him. There is work for the police in this locality.

ANOTHER ROBBERY.

Between 7 p.m. last night and 7 a.m. this morning the sum of \$230 was stolen from a drawer at the Paris Toilet Company's premises. One boy, who is suspected, will be charged.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The smallpox epidemic at Kobi is reported to be decreasing in virulence.

One Japanese and two European professors have been engaged for the revision of China's law code.

An elderly Chinaman lost his life through stepping in front of a tramcar yesterday, near the Market. He died in hospital.

A bill prohibiting young persons from drinking alcoholic liquors has been read a first time in the Lower House of the Japanese Diet.

We note that several correspondents have written to the Editor of the *Japan Chronicle* complaining of the suggestiveness of "La Fougère" as played by the Lilliputians.

Like England, Sam is considering legislation for the better protection of children, and efforts are being made to establish a Reformatory School at Bangkok.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alcock Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—
Butterfield & Swire, \$100
Jardine, Matheson & Co., 100
Reiss & Co., 100
E. D. Sassoon & Co., 100
D. Sassoon & Co., 100
H. Skoll, 100
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Co., 100
Arnold, Karberg & Co., 100
Green Island Cement Co., 100
Shewan Tomes & Co., 50

DO NOT OROWD THE SEASON.

THE first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been cooped up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown aside, a cold wave comes and influenza is prevalent. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE VACATION QUESTION.

Law Society's Resolutions.

Following are the resolutions which were adopted by the Law Society in reference to the Vacation question for which we are indebted to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. H. G. Jackson.

1.—That the extensions of the Christmas and Easter Vacations as mentioned in the letter of His Honour the Chief Justice dated the 7th August, 1907, should be agreed to.

2.—That the Long Vacation should be extended and that such Vacation should begin 1st August and end 30th September, subject, however, to adequate provision being made in respect of the following matters:—

(a) That the Long Vacation should not affect time running for appearance under specially endorsed Writs, and that applications for summary judgment should be permitted to be made as if no vacation existed, the usual Summary days being available for the purpose.

(b) That the Long Vacation should not apply to Bankruptcy proceedings.

(c) That the whole of the business and work of the Courts should proceed in the usual way (except the actual trial of actions and the delivery of Judgments) and that all applications to the Court for injunctions and other matters should, as far as possible, be dealt with in Chambers.

(d) That during the Long Vacation and immediately preceding and subsequent thereto in the absence of Counsel retained in a particular case or matter the Solicitors engaged in such case or matter or any other Solicitors employed by such Solicitors should have full right of audience in open Court in the same manner and to the same extent as if they were Counsel engaged in the case or matter.

CHIEF JUSTICE'S PROPOSALS.

His Honour the Chief Justice originally proposed that the long Vacation should be changed from the period between Sept. 20 and Oct. 17 to that between Aug. 1 and Oct. 17, a difference of 41 days. His Honour also proposed that the Christmas Vacation should be from Dec. 23 to Jan. 6 instead of from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1 and that the Easter Vacation should be from the Thursday week following Good Friday to the Monday week following instead of from Good Friday to the Thursday following.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

Sir—Referring to your Editorial of the 2nd instant I regret that my letter should be regarded by you in my sense as an "announcement" and further that you should have deduced from that letter that the resolutions of the Law Society were to be "published."

As merely a member of that society, I have no knowledge of their intentions as to publication, but I think I was justified in saying their resolutions would "become known"—yours, etc.,

PHILIP W. GOLDBERG.

Hongkong, March 3.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE ENGAGEMENTS.

The following are the gubernatorial engagements so far set down for this month:—

March 11th.—H.E. to present prizes at Victoria School at 11 a.m., being the Third Anniversary of the opening of the School.

13th.—H.E. to preside at a "Mission to Seamen" meeting in the City Hall at 1.15 p.m. Official Dinner to Rear Admiral Cooper at 8.15 p.m.

20th.—"Barnado Meeting" at Government House at 3 p.m.

23rd.—Musical Party at Government House at 9.15 p.m.

25th.—Lady Lugard to distribute prizes to Elgin Street School, at St. Paul's College at 3.30 p.m.

27th.—H.E. to be present at the Annual Meeting Reserve Association, 5.30 p.m.

28th.—Regatta. Their Excellencies to be present.

30th.—Musical Party at Government House, 9.15 p.m.

CHINESE CREWS.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OWNERS.

Discussion in Parliament.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
LONDON, March 4.

In the House of Commons Mr C. Forster, Liberal-Labour Member for Northumberland, moved for the appointment of a Select Committee to investigate and report upon the conditions under which Chinese crews worked in British ships, with a view to ascertaining whether the Act of 1906 was sufficient to prevent abuses.

Mr Fenwick suggested that often the sweating which could be safely carried on with Chinese crews prevented the employment of Britishers.

Mr Havelock Wilson, a member of the Labour Party, in seconding the motion stated that in fifty per cent. of the ships in which Asiatics constituted the crews the numerous sicknesses which were reported were due to bad food.

Mr Austen Taylor, Liberal Member for Liverpool, declared that the owners honourably observed the provisions of the Act.

Mr R. F. Keenley, Secretary of the Board of Trade, said that the Board was alive to the importance of the question. Employment of Chinese on British ships was apparently growing and recent legislation had apparently accelerated the tendency.

Upon Mr Keenley undertaking that the Board of Trade would investigate and correct abuses the motion was withdrawn.

SOCIALISM IN PRUSSIA.

Further Disorders Feared.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, March 3.

The Socialists of Prussia, who recently held great mass meetings in Berlin, in the course of which they came in conflict with the police, have determined to record, in an emphatic manner, their protest against the action of the authorities in refusing to grant a revision of the franchise.

A general strike of one day's duration, to take place on the 19th inst., has been declared.

It is feared that as a result of the strike there will be renewed disorders.

[The following, elucidative of the position in Prussia in connection with the franchise, is from the New York "Nation" of Jan. 16.] When all Germany was seething with revolution, on April 8, 1848, the frightened Prussian government bestowed the ballot on every Prussian twenty-four years of age. It not only gave universal suffrage, but guaranteed secret voting. A year later, on May 30, 1849, the reactionaries, feeling themselves sufficiently strong, repealed this law, and substituted the indirect "three-class system" and the open voting requirement. It is against this law which has remained unchanged for nearly fifty years, that the present agitation is directed. It has put Prussia entirely in the control of the land-owners and the wealthy. It has made of the country a permanently autocratic state, based on a tottering agricultural system which is saved from total collapse only by the active assistance of the state and federal governments and by copious aid from the Imperial treasury in the shape of tariff duties on foodstuffs. In certain sections of the population which have the ballot, not 2 per cent. dare to exercise the right, and the "three-class system" has not only been successful in excluding from the Landtag any Social-Democrats, but has made it possible for 12 per cent. of the enfranchised electorate to choose 800 representatives, while the other 12 per cent. that took the trouble to vote were able to choose only 140 representatives—without a delegate of the working classes among the 943.—Ed. C. M.]

COLLISION IN CANTON RIVER.

Three Men Missing.

(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, March 2.

During a dense fog which prevailed in Canton River within the last few days, a collision between a fire-wood junk and a steam-launch running between Canton and Fatahan took place outside Canton. Among the six persons on the junk three were saved, while the remaining three are still missing.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

THIS remedy has been in use for over thirty years and has proved itself to be the most successful remedy yet discovered for bowel complaints. It never fails. Sold by all chemists and storekeepers.

CRICKET.

England v. South Australia.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)
LONDON, March 3.

The return match between the English Eleven and South Australia has been commenced at the Adelaide Oval. The Englishmen went first to the wickets and scored 261 for seven wickets. G. Gunn made 102 runs.

THE SEIZED STEAMER.

Objections by Japan.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)
Peking, March 3.

Viceroy Chang Jen Chun of Canton has telegraphed to say that the Japanese Consul has refused to sit on a mixed Court to deal with the seizure of the Tatsu Maru II.

The telegram further states that another date has been appointed for opening the enquiry and it has been proposed that in the event of a second refusal by the Japanese Consul the vessel will be confiscated and the matter will be considered as finished.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE.

A Peking telegram dated March 1 states that the Japanese Minister, while strongly demanding the release of the Tatsu Maru II, has practically refused to allow the Japanese Consul General at Canton to sit on the proposed Mixed Court to enquire into the seizure of the vessel. The Chinese Government still maintains its right to hold an enquiry.

A BREEZE.

The receipt from the Japanese Consul-General the other day of a communication written in Japanese, says a Canton paper, has helped to provoke the Chinese authorities, and was responsible for a telegram to the Waiwipai stating that the Japanese have acted contrary to the usual practice, which the Canton Government held as an infringement of China's sovereign rights. It has been the custom to write in Chinese in official communications from foreign Consuls to the Viceroy out of respect to China. On this occasion, however, the Japanese Consul wrote in Japanese. It is stated that in addition to writing the Waiwipai about the matter, the Viceroy has also demanded an explanation from the Japanese Consul-General.

MORE ARMS FOR REBELS.

Intelligence from Canton states that the Tsoai of the Lien-Ching Intendancy has reported to Viceroy Chang Jen-chun that he is informed that the anti-monarchists have contracted with a foreign firm for the purchase of a large quantity of rifles from abroad, and that the consignment has already arrived in Chekiang. On receipt of this intelligence, His Excellency at once telegraphed to Governor Feng Ju-kwei, asking him to cause the steamer, which carries the munitions, to be arrested.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, March 3.

From enquiries made, Admiral Li Chun discovered that several junks, which were engaged to carry out the unloading of the cargo of the Tatsu Maru II, might be in a position to give additional information which might be useful. Accordingly the Admiral gave instructions to look for these junks and the officers succeeded in locating them in Kowloon. They were brought back to Canton yesterday. It is stated that the whole of the Chinese contentions has been corroborated by the junk people who are now detained to give evidence when the enquiry takes place.

THE FRENCH IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, March 2.

General d'Amade has had a whole day's fighting in the Casablanca hinterland, losing 13 killed and 40 wounded. Fifty-three of the casualties occurred while the cavalry was getting clear from a bad entanglement. The enemy was finally repulsed.

Trouble is threatening in the South Oran province, where the garrison was depleted to re-inforce General d'Amade's force; 3500 Moors have assembled on the frontier.

TRADE MARKS.

LONDON, March 2.

It is understood that an agreement will shortly be concluded between Japan and Great Britain for the protection of British trade marks.

ANARCHISTS IN CHICAGO.

LONDON, March 2.

Some anarchists in Chicago entered the house of the Chief of the Police and shot his son and coachman, after which they shot at and stabbed the Chief of the Police himself, who in return shot his assailant dead.

[Our Special Correspondent of yesterday gave fuller details.—Ed. C.M.]

SPORTING.

Hockey.

INTERPORT MATCH.

The Canton Hockey Sports Club are sending down a Hockey team this week with the object of playing the Hongkong Hockey Club, and the United Service Recreation Club. The team is expected on Saturday morning, and will play the Hongkong Club at 4 p.m. on the Club Ground, Happy Valley, and will play the U.S.R.C. on Monday at 4.30 p.m. on their Kowloon Ground.

The visitors are being entertained by the H.K.H.C. and the U.S.R.C. at the Hongkong Hotel to dinner and afterwards at the Theatre, where a large number of seats have been booked. Members intending to be present are asked to send in their names immediately so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

A full-time list will appear later.

CLUB & REST.

On Friday, March 6, a match will be played by the H.K.H.C. against H.M.S. Kent at 5.30 p.m. on the Naval Ground. The following team will represent the H.K.H.C. in white:

L. G. Bird (Captain), H. Beyer, Rev. A. D. Stewart, H. L. Garrett, C. Bulmer, Johnson, R. O. Hutchison, W. S. Dupree, S. F. Ricketts and three reserves.

HONGKONG CLUB CHALLENGE CUP.

The final round for the above is to be played on Thursday, March 5 at 4.30 p.m., and now lies between the Middlesex Regiment and the United Service Recreation Club.

The game is to be played on the Service Ground, Happy Valley, and should prove very interesting.

Cricket.

A cricket match is fixed for Saturday next on the Civil Service Ground, Happy Valley, between R.G.A. Sergeants' Mess C.C. and Civil Service C.C. The following will represent the R.G.A. Sergeants' Mess:—Mr. G. Thompson, C.S.M. Owen (captain), C.S.M. Wray, C.Q.M.S. Williams, C.Q.M.S. Clarke, Sergeant Gould, Heath, James, Hall, Sutton and Scudler, Reserve; Sergeant Snook.

Golf.

The monthly competition against Bagey for the Saunders' Farwell Cup was held at Happy Valley between February 29th and March 2nd.

The following cards were returned.

SAUNDERS' FARWELL CUP.
A. Githins (2) 1 up
H. Wilson (6) 2 down
Col. Martin (12) 3 down
A. C. Sandford (15) 3 down
28 entries.

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL SHIELD.

The drawn game (Hongkong Club versus H. Co. Cantoners) will take place on Saturday next on the Club's Ground, kick off being timed for 3.30 p.m. sharp. The team chosen by the Selection Committee to represent the Club is as follows:—Goal, F. H. Kew; Backs, E. F. Aucutt and E. Humphreys; Halves, L. J. Wishart, H. Hall and A. Gregory; Forwards W. H. Williams, W. McG. Weston, O. Eager; H. R. Turner and J. Mend.

Referee, Lieut. Mallins, R. N.

Scottish Notes.

The first round of the Scottish Cup Ties has now been played off, but in no case did the unexpected result occur. The most interesting of course centred on the match between Falkirk (who have a good chance of winning the League) and the Glasgow Rangers. The match was played off at Falkirk, and ended in a draw of two goals each. A few weeks before the match it was thought that Falkirk would have been able to reverse the verdict of last year, but as has been shown, they have declined somewhat since then. The replay is sure to be a great event, and as the Rangers will have the benefit of playing at Ibrox their chance of starting favourites with many is assured.

Three first division teams went under, but in each case before members of their own class. The Ardrossians, at home, fell to the Dundee by the odd goal. The St. Mirren have not done much in the football arena this season, but they were sufficiently strong to have accounted for the Third Lanark. The third team of the upper class to go was Hamilton Academicals, who were defeated by Kilmarnock by four goals to one.

There were two big wins. Port Glasgow getting the better of Ayr Parkhouse by seven goals to two, while six goals divided Greenock Morton and Vale of Atholl. Strange to say neither of the winners are doing well in league matches.

The East of Scotland teams have every reason to be satisfied with the Cup results. Hearts (Hibernians, Dundee, Aberdeen, Ruth Rovers and Dunblane all turning out on the right side, while the St. Bernard and Queen's Park match ended in a draw.

The draw for the second round of the Scottish Cup contains two sensations. Dundee will meet the Aberdeen, while the Celtic have to match the winner of the Falkirk-Rangers match.

Alfred Shrubbs is on his way home from America. During his stay in Canada and the States he was only once beaten. This was in a 15-rod race when he gave a handicap to the old Safford hero, J. Marsh. After gaining a good lead, Shrubbs had to retire through his ankle giving way.

Mr. S. P. Edge has challenged the Chevalier René de Knyff to race one, two, or three Panhard against one, two, or three Napier for £250 to nothing, and has deposited the sum of £250 with the Brooklands Club. The race is to be run on the 15-rod race when he gave a handicap to the old Safford hero, J. Marsh. After gaining a good lead, Shrubbs had to retire through his ankle giving way.

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detachable wheels from the Grand Prix. Mr. Edge refused to compete unless the restrictions were removed. When his decision became known M. de Knyff suggested that he had never meant to compete at all.

Reporting the second Test Match at South Wales paper states that "at this juncture Macartney replaced Noble, whose two wickets had cost 18s."

Although Scotland and Ireland are holding aloof from the projected tour by a Kangaroo team to New Zealand, there is no scarcity of v. imports in England and Wales. Seventy-six players have offered, but only twenty-eight are required.

KOWLOON SCHOOL.

At noon to-day the presentation of prizes at the Kowloon School took place, the prizes being presented by the Inspector of Schools, in the unavoidable absence of Lady Lugard, who was prevented by sickness from attending. A large number of parents of children attended. The Inspector of Schools read his annual report in which he complimented Mrs. Main upon the work done during the year. The children, in addition to singing, gave exhibitions of calligraphy, fan drill, and sword drill very creditably.

Mr. Wolfe when presenting the prizes referred to the question of paying fees in stamps and explained that this was provided for under the regulations. It obviated shroffs and counting offices, which would entail additional expense, and as there was now an adequate supply of stamps he hoped there would be no further complaints.

A RAILWAY PAPER.

(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, March 2.

The Canton-Hankow Railway Company wrote to the Nine Charitable Institutions to the effect that hereafter a weekly paper will be issued by the Company in which the week's work in the construction of the line and general information about the Company will be given for the information of the public.

LORD LI.

Activity in London.

(From Our Correspondent.)
LONDON, January 27.

The new Chinese Ambassador, Li Ching-fang has already set the Legation in Portland Place in order by reorganising it on lines fitting to cope with the development of business in the most important of the western capitals. He talks English almost as fluently as his able secretary, Mr. Ivan Cheng, and both of them are busy assuring the British Press that China is not perturbed by Japanese activity in the East. The ambassador is getting about more to official and social functions, and next week he will receive the members of the China Society at a reception they are to hold at Canton Hall, Westminster.

MANILA'S CARNIVAL.

Reports from Manila show the Carnival, which commenced on February 27, to have been a great success. Says one of the papers:—

There are no adjective phrases that can be used to tell just how great a success the big show is or to adequately describe the satisfaction of the men who have sweated and toiled against tremendous obstacles to produce the effect which thousands now see and enjoy. If there was any doubt in the minds of the less optimistic after the reception given the royalties Thursday evening, if the crowd thought the main that fell Thursday evening and stopped the hall would dampen the ardor of the managers of the affair, all this must have given before the enthusiasm which greeted each of the handsome floats in the land parade yesterday afternoon from the thousands who lined every foot of the route of march or a sight of the crowd which filled the hippodrome last evening to witness the biggest and best circus that has ever been seen in the Orient.

It mattered not that the committee in charge awarded the first prize for artistic excellence to the float of Bonaparte in the land parade and the second prize to Walter E. Olsen and Company's Egyptian cigarette float; the people seemed to think they were all masterpieces. It did not appear so clearly to the crowd that John Gibson's float was the best costume exhibit and that La Rosa Fabrice de Ciparillo was next best for the people liked them all. In the hippodrome, whether it was the rescue of the carnival girl from the hands of the sea monster, the stage of the programme contained features representative of every class of people. There were the usual array of jockeys and attendants and the usual number of sports of various sorts, including chariot races, etc. The work of the soldiers representing the different arms of the service, the bold drill of the Constabulary and the sword dance and fancy drilling of the Moros were all highly appreciated. There was a mimic combat between soldiers and Indians and a fine presentation of the manner in which the troops of the United States can handle mountain batteries. There were three spectaculars that were of unusual excellence and were extremely well received by the great crowd of spectators. They were the exhibition of the work of the fire department, the stage coach robbery and the spectacle of the fall of Port Arthur.

HONGKONG-CANTON RAILWAY.

Chinese commence work.

(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, March 2.

Work has been begun by the Chinese at Shik Lung, Tung Kun District, on the construction work of the Chinese section of the Hongkong-Canton Railway. The headquarters of the engineering staff will be in Shik Lung. It is feared that work might be interfered with owing to this being the rainy season.

AMERICAN NEWS.

New York, February 28.
The tunnel between New York and Jersey City has at last been completed.

WASHINGTON, February 28.

Secretary of State Root expresses himself in favor of sending half the battleship fleet to visit Australia after its arrival in Manila. On the other hand the Navy Department considers it a better move to send the whole fleet directly to Seattle and from there to Sydney, N. S. W. The Navy Department's plan does not include a visit to Melbourne. The people of Puget Sound are rejoicing over having accomplished their desire as it is only within the past few days that the Navy Department definitely decided that the fleet should visit Seattle.

WASHINGTON, February 28.

The Republicans of Iowa and Nebraska have declared themselves in favor of Secretary of War Taft, as the party's nominee for the presidency. These two States are believed to represent the sentiments of the Republicans of the States of the Middle West, and it is thought that Taft will have a strong following in that section.

It was feared for a time by the Taft managers that their candidate would have trouble in getting Iowa, inasmuch as former Secretary of Treasury Shaw has had a strong following in the State and Governor Cummins law also been regarded as a candidate for a favorite son.

In Nebraska there has been a movement to trade the State to Hughes for the second place on the ticket which was to go to Senator Burkett. La Follette has also had somewhat of a following in the State. But for the most part Nebraska has been for the Administration's measures and candidates.

BALTIMORE, Md., February 28.

Frank A. Munsey, the famous publisher, has bought the "Baltimore News" of this city.

New York, February 28.

A message has been addressed to Congress by President Roosevelt on the question of the improvement of the interior waterways of the United States.

An effort is being made to smother the submarine scandal.

Mr. Takahashi (President of the Yokohama Specie Bank) has delivered an address before the Japan Club on Japan's International Status.

FRENCH STEAMER AGROUND.

(From Our Correspondent.)
CANTON, March 3.

The S. S. Tungking, flying the French flag, has run aground near Tak Hin, on the West River.

Admiral Li Chun has been approached for assistance and according to the latest information the Chinese gun-boat Si Tak has been despatched to see what can be done. In the meantime, the Chinese water police are guarding the vessel.

CANTON NOTES.

Self-Government Society.

(From a Correspondent.)
CANTON, March 3.

This is what is expected of self-government as understood by the Chinese. Since the issue two years ago of an Imperial Edict promising to grant constitutional government to the Chinese, various self-government societies have been started throughout the Empire, and a similar society has been formed in Canton.

The other day, it appears that the promises of a native paper, the "Women and Children," offered special facilities for the use of the society and a demand was made to the tenants to quit within three days. This has caused much criticism in the native press which has denounced the action of the society as contrary to the very principle on which the society was formed.

PRECAUTION AGAINST FIRE.

The new rules regulating the business of kerosene dealers have limit the storage each day to fifty cases of kerosene in the establishments of the retail dealers. On Saturdays an additional thirty cases are allowed, while during stormy seasons a further allowance of twenty cases is made making a total not exceeding one hundred cases at any one time in stormy seasons. This action has been taken by the Canton Government as a precaution against fire, as owing to the narrow streets, when once a fire occurs a number of houses are destroyed. But it is difficult to see how these precautions can be of any good. Much less than one hundred cases of kerosene can start a fire.

LORD BERESEFORD.

Retirement Talked Of.

(From Our Correspondent.)
LONDON, January 27.

The "Portsmouth Evening News" adds a further prediction to the many that are going around as to the future of Lord Charles Beresford, who is recuperating in the South of France after his illness. There has been a persistent report that Lord Charles intended to retire at an early date. The paper mentioned, however, says:—"We have reason to believe that this is far removed from the truth. Whether or not the incident of the recent signal is finally closed matters little, but the only reason that is likely to cause Lord Charles to hand down his flag prematurely would be his removal to the Admiralty as First Sea Lord in place of Sir John Fisher.

"The retirement of the latter in March may be expected, and his successor will in all probability be either the present Commander-in-Chief of the Channel Fleet, or the Admiral of the Fleet, Sir A. K. Wilson. If the former, then the command of the fleet will be given to Admiral Sir A. Moore, who is now on his way home from China."

COMMERCIAL.

The piece goods market is dull just at present though clearances are being effected. The money market is easier, and on the Rialto there is a fair amount of enquiry.

At the annual meeting of the Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company the Chairman said that the net revenue showed a decided improvement on that of 1904—the balance of working account, being Tls. 126,811.03 for 1907 against Tls. 108,734.93 for the previous year, or a difference in favor of 1907 of Tls. 17,076.10. This improved state of affairs has been brought about by the exercise of rigid economy in the working expenses of the Company's business. After paying in August last an interim dividend of 3 1/2% on both preference and ordinary shares amounting to Tls. 32,500, we have now at our disposal an amount of Tls. 87,638.03, which the directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:—

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Tls. 87,638.03

THE MATING TRADE.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date of March 2: Among the Chinese products exported to foreign countries is mutton. In recent years the business in this particular line has diminished considerably owing to the old-fashioned way in which the various kinds of mutton were manufactured and as a result foreign buyers only order the raw stuff to be sent to their own countries where they have more up-to-date articles manufactured. The business in the export of mutton has therefore been dwindling gradually. A meeting of the mutton dealers of Canton was held yesterday at which various suggestions were made with a view to bringing the commodity more up to date and to see if a footing can be regained in the foreign market.

The Sangoi Ujong Railway which is to be acquired by the F. M. S. Government is to be handed over on the 1st July next, when important improvements and alterations on the line will be taken in hand. It is anticipated that the line will yield handsome returns to the capital outlay incurred in its purchase.

For days past the Canton officials have been making enquiries as to the various lines of business carried on in the city, and from are being approached in turn and asked as to the condition of affairs in connection with their business. It was at first not known what was the object in view, but it transpires that owing to the depression in business last year the officials are endeavouring to restore confidence.

The Board of Posts and Communications has requested Sir Chen Tung Liang Chang, the President of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company to send a full statement of the Company's accounts to the Board before the next meeting of shareholders.

Large orders for sugar machinery have recently been taken by the Mills-Valley Company, Glasgow. Machinery for a complete factory to deal with 1,100 tons of cane per day in Formosa has been ordered. A 12-roller milling plant has been supplied to Java, and the Straits Settlements has been obtaining improved plant.

The Government has not, says a Tientsin paper, failed to make the Police Syndicate difficulties point a moral for the future guidance of Chinese officials, and

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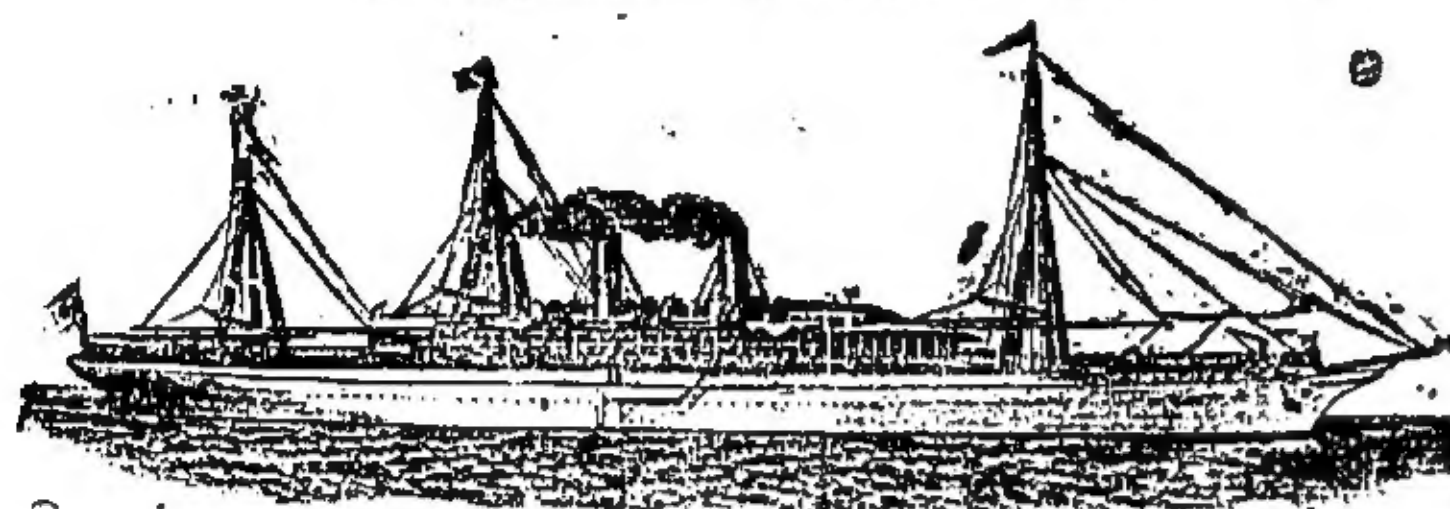
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MARSEILLES, LONDON & SHANGHAI	SOCOTRA	March 6th	Freight only.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & SHANGHAI	MARHORA	March 6th	Freight and Passengers.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & SHANGHAI	DELTA	March 7th	See Special Advertisement.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & SHANGHAI	NUBIA	March 11th	Freight and Passengers.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & SHANGHAI	PERA	March 15th	Freight and Passengers.

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EMPERESS OF CHINA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, Mar. 12.....Mar. 30
* LENNOX	3700 Tons	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 25.....April 23
EMPERESS OF INDIA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, Apr. 9.....April 27
EMPERESS OF JAPAN	6000 Tons	FRIDAY, Apr. 17.....May 16
EMPERESS OF AUSTRALIA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, May 7.....May 25
* GLENFARG	2700 Tons	WEDNESDAY, May 30.....June 18
EMPERESS OF CHINA	6000 Tons	THURSDAY, June 4.....June 22

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DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1908.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID	SANUKI MARU, Tons 6112	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., AND SEATTLE, WASH., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU, Tons 6309	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, Daylight.
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE	IYO MARU, Tons 6820	TUESDAY, 17th Mar., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI AND KOBÉ	KAGA MARU, Tons 6901	TUESDAY, 31st Mar., at 4 p.m.
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, MADRAS, AND COLOMBO	YAWATA MARU, Tons 5816	FRIDAY, 20th Mar., at Noon.
KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Tons 5539	FRIDAY, 17th Mar., at Noon.
SHANGHAI AND KOBÉ	TAKASAKI MARU, Tons 4746	WEDNESDAY, 4th Mar., at Noon.
BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, MADRAS, AND COLOMBO	MOYOI MARU, Tons 3778	FRIDAY, 6th Mar., at Noon.
KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU, Tons 6189	SATURDAY, 7th Mar., at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU, Tons 5539	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., at Noon.

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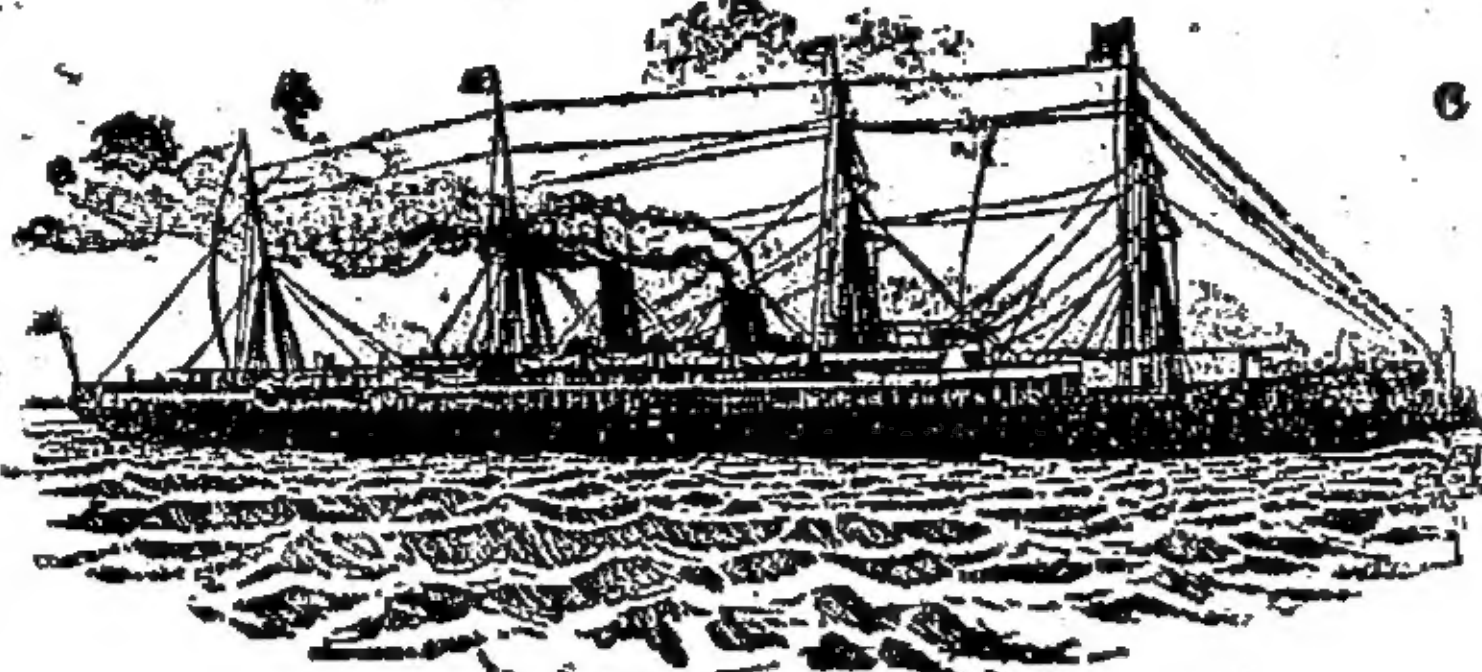
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STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1908.
MONGOLIA	27,000 Tons, SATURDAY, 7th Mar., at Daylight.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000 " " FRIDAY, 20th Mar., at Noon.
KOREA	18,000 " " FRIDAY, 3rd April, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU	11,000 " " SATURDAY, 11th April, at Noon.
SIBERIA	18,000 " " SATURDAY, 18th April, at Noon.
ORINA	10,200 " " SATURDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
MANOHURIA	27,000 " " SATURDAY, 2nd May, at Noon.
NIPPON MARU	11,000 " " FRIDAY, 19th May, at Noon.
ASIA	9,900 " " SATURDAY, 26th May, at Noon.

Yokohama to San Francisco, via KOREA, 18,000 tons. September 16-27th 1905; 10 days, 11 hours and 5 minutes.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	CHIELI	March 5, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	KIANGTUNG	March 6, at 4 p.m.
CHIELI & HOIHOW	SUNGHAI	March 5, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & SHANGHAI	SUNGHAI	March 7, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	March 9, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PT. DARWIN, COVINS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	TAIYUAN	March 9, at 4 p.m.
MANILA	TAIYUAN	March 10, at 4 p.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	SUNGHAI	March 11, at 4 p.m.
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MANILA via SWATOW, HANGSANG	FRIDAY, Mar. 6, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, HANGSANG	SUNDAY, Mar. 8, Daylight.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & MOJI	FRIDAY, Mar. 13, at 4 p.m.
MANILA via SWATOW, HANGSANG	FRIDAY, Mar. 13, at 4 p.m.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY, 11th March, at Noon.
MANILA, NEWGUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE	MANILA	THURSDAY, 26th March, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBÉ	PRINZ WALDEMAR	FRIDAY, 3rd April, at Noon.
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DELTA	Mar 7	MOOLTAN	Apr 4	Apr 11
MARMORA	Mar 21	MOOLTAN	Apr 18	Apr 25
DELTA	Apr 4	MOOLTAN	May 2	May 9
DELTA	Apr 18	MOOLTAN	May 16	May 23
DEVANHA	May 2	MOOLTAN	May 30	June 6
DEVANHA	May 16	MOOLTAN	June 14	June 21
DELTA	May 30	MOOLTAN	June 28	July 5
DELTA	Jun 13	MOOLTAN	July 12	July 19
ARCADIA	Jun 27	MOOLTAN	Jul 26	Aug 2
MAITA	Jul 11	MOOLTAN	Aug 9	Aug 16
DEVANHA	Jul 25	MOOLTAN	Aug 23	Aug 30
MARMORA	Aug 8	MOOLTAN	Sept 6	Sept 13

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* MARILA	Mar 25	May 11
* BORNIO	Apr 8	May 25
* NORE	Apr 22	May 25
* JAPAN	May 6	June 2
* SUMATRA	May 20	June 16
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Notices to Consignees.

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP BENMOHR.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and when delivered to the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the 4th prox. unless the Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th prox. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 14th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th prox. at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 27, 1908.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship PINZ LUDWIG.

Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and when delivered to the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Tuesday, the 2nd March, at Noon.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 10th of March, will be subject to rent.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th of March, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 14th of March, 1908, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD. MELBOURNE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, March 3, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship Catharine Apur having arrived from the above Port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after the 9th inst., of the 5th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1908.

MOQUE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP PATHAN.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and when delivered to the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 7th inst., at 1 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 2, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER POLYNESIA.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo from London or s.s. *Medea*, *Ordona* and *Dorinda*, from *Port-au-Prince* or s.s. *Ville de Paris* & *Ville de Lyon*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and when delivered to the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 29, 1908.

COMMERCIAL.

An Imperial Edict has been issued commanding the coining of one cash in the various Provincial mints so that the ten cash and twenty cash copper coins may be circulated at their face value. Now in consequence of the insufficiency of the one cash pieces, the ten and twenty cash copper coins are not accepted at their face value in all classes. The Board of Finance has been instructed to make the various Viceroys and Governors coin three-tenths of the copper coinage in one cash pieces.

The "Textile Manufacturing Journal," New York, of Saturday, January 11, 1908, says: It developed on Thursday that business in drills had been done for China. While the quantity is variously estimated it is generally believed that the aggregate was somewhere near 3,000 bales. The qualities consisted of standards, 3,000 yards, 3.25s and 3.50s, and it is understood that prices were based on 7 1/2 cents for standards. It is not thought that this means any large business to follow, although further inquiries were received yesterday at unsatisfactory figures. The majority of export houses are advising against liberal purchase at the present time.

The City Editor of the "Pail Mail Gazette," commenting on the collapse of prices in the rubber market, attributes the decline to the after effects of the monetary panic in the United States and the unsettled state of business generally. He adds: "Moreover, until damaged stocks in Europe are absorbed, there is not much prospect of an appreciable recovery."—*Strait Times*.

The annual report of the Serendib Hydraulic Tin Mining Company, Ltd., which will be presented for adoption at the first ordinary general meeting of the shareholders to be held at Kuala Lumpur on Monday next, is as follows: The net profit for the thirteen months ended December 31st, is \$303,900.11, out of which sum the Directors have set aside for depreciation the sum of \$18,610.22. Reserve, in accordance with the Articles of Association No. 100, \$25,000. Directors' fees, in accordance with Articles of Association No. 67, \$24,822.46, and have paid interim dividends amounting in all to \$233,750, representing 27 1/2 per cent on the paid up capital of the company. The balance carried forward to next year's profit and loss account is \$5,708.43.

Notices to Consignees.

BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP SIX.

FROM NEW YORK & STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., at Kowloon, when and where delivery may be obtained.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd instant, at 3 p.m.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER BORNEO.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo by the above named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., at Kowloon, when and where delivery may be obtained.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 Hours.

Goods not cleared by the 7th inst., at 1 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 2, 1908.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMER POLYNESIA.

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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 29, 1908.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, February 27th, 1908.

At 100 cents per Dollar Mexican.

Butcher Meat.

Beef, whole and prime cut—Mei Lung Pa	lb 20
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	20
Roast—Shiu	20
Breast—Nagu Lam	15
Soup—Tong Yuk	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	20
Corned—Ngau Lap Shiu	20
Sanages—Ngau Chuan	20
Unlabeled's Brains—Slow	per set 10
Tongue—fresh—Ngau	each 50
Head—Ngau Tau	85
Heart—Ngau Sum	18
Hump, salt—Ngau Kip	18
Feet—Ngau Kerk	each 7
Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	10
Tail—Ngau Mei	17
Liver—Ngau Con	13
Tripe (pressed)—Ngau To	6
Calves Head and Feet—Ngau chah-lau-kak	set \$1.00
Mutton Chop—Young Fat Kwai	lb 23
Leg—Young Fat	22
Shoulder—Young Shau	22
Pigs—Chittings—Chi chong	24
Brains—Chi Know	per set 2
Feet—Chi Kerk	19
Fry—Chi Chak	15
Head—Chi Tau	15
Heart—Chi Sum	each 10
Kidneys—Chi Yiu	8
Liver—Chi Yiu	10
Pork Chop—Chi Fat Kwai	22
Corned—Ham Chai Yuk	24
Leg—Chai Fat	20
Kat per Lard—Chai Yau	20
Shoepies Head and Feet—Young Tau Kerk	set 6
Heart—Young Sum	each 6
Kidneys—Young Yiu	10
Liver—Young Con	12
Sucking Pigs—To Order—Chi Chai	22
Suet, Boiled—Sang Ngau Yau	20
Mutton—Sang Young Yau	14
Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk	17
Sausages—Ngau Chai Chong	20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai	lb 30
Capon, Large, Small—Shi Kai	30
Ducks—Ai	22
Doves—Pan Kau	each 15
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tau	per dozen 24
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb 34
Fowls, Canton—Hoi Nam Kai	32
Geese—Ngai	21
Geese, Wilt-shal—Shi Yee Ngai	each 30
Musks Deer—Wong Keng	each 60
Hare, Shanghai—Tu Chai	60
Partridge—Chai Kau	each 35
Measut—Shan Kai	each 35
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kip	each 35
Holow—Hoi Hoi Pak Kip	each 35
Quail—Un-Chun	23
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Chai	dozen 24
Snipe—Sho Chong	each 24
Turkeys, Cook—Pork Kai Kung	45
Han—Na	45
Wild Ducks, Shal—Shanghai Salap	each 45
Feal—Sal Ap Chai	45
Wild Ducks, Canton—Sang Shing Sal Ap	each 45

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	lb 10
Bream—Shi Yu	13
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	14
Carp—Li Yu	18
Catfish—Chik Yu	17
Catfish—Mun Yu	14
Goldfish—Mun Yu	18
Crabs—Hal	18
Crabs—Mun Yu	14
Crabs—Mun Yu	14
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	11
Dace—Wong Mel Lun	11
Dog Fish—Tik Yu	8
Kels, Canton—Hoi Mann	14
Kels, Canton—Tun Shi Yu	13
Eels, Yellow—Wong Sin	24
Frogs—Tien Kai	22
Garoups—Sek Fan	12
Gudgeon—Pak Kip Yu	18
Herrings—Tao Pak	24
Hallbut—Cheung Kwan Kip	18
Labeus—Wong Fa Yu	18
Foah—Wu Yu	20
Lobsters—Lung Ha	24
Mackerel—Chi Yu	24
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	20
Mullet—Chai Yu	20
Oysters—Sang Hoo	14
Fat otfish—Kai Kung Yu	13
Pike—Tau Loy	9
Pike—Fa Paw Pong	18
Plaice—Fan Yu	18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	20
Pomfret, White—Fak Chong	22
Sawm—Ming Ha	48
Ray—Pai Pa	8
Rock Fish—Sek Kung King	14
Branch—Chi Yu	28

